(c) if so, what Government has done to weed out bogus ration cards in the PDS and take action against the people who are involved in the racket;

(d) how many such cases have been identified during the last one year and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether Government has evaluated the performance of targeted PDS to know whether it reaches the targeted people; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) conducted a concurrent evaluation of TPDS during the 2006-07 in six states namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Mizoram and Uttar Pradesh. NCAER in their report has mentioned that in case of AAY card holders, PDS food was being distributed quite satisfactory. In the case of BPL, almost all the six states had incidence od diversion. A statement-I showing the number of BPL Householders in 2000 as accepted bt Government of India & BPL ration cards issued by States & UT Governments as reported by 31.10.2008 is enclosed. *(See* below)

Through consultation with State/UT Governments, a nine-point action plan was evolved during 2006 for strengthening of TPDS, and curbing leakages and diversion, which is under implementation by State and UT Governments. A copy of the said Action Plan is enclosed as Statement II. *(See* below). One of the action points in it is to continuously review lists of BPL & AAY cards to eliminate bogus/fake/ineligible cards. Implementation of nine point action plan by State and UT Governments has led to deletion of about 65 lakh bogus/ineligible ration cards by 11 States/UTs while reviewing the existing lists of BPL/AAY households. Details are at enclosed Statement-Ill *(See* below). Instructions have been issued to States & UT governments to take action against persons found in possession of bogus/fake ration cards and those responsible for issuing them.

(e) and (0 The Government has taken a series of measures to streamline TPDS. The TPDS system is got evaluated from time to time for strengthening it. Programme Evaluation Organization (PEO) of Planning Commission, and ORG MARG New Delhi evaluated the Targeted Public Distribution System and submitted their reports in 2005. Based on these reports the 9-point action plan was evolved.

Additionally, a revised Citizen's Charter has been issued recently for adoption and implementation by State/UT Governments for facilitating use by citizens of provisions of Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in relation to functioning of TPDS.

Furthermore, to ensure that TDPS foodgrains reach the targeted families and to minimize scope for their diversion, APL allocations have been rationalized. Training Programmes for TPDS functionaries and Awareness campaign for TPDS beneficiaries are being taken up. Computerization of TPDS has been initiated. Use of new technologies such as Global Positioning System is being piloted. Revised policy on distribution of wheat flour has been issued.

Questions of 7th March, 2008 **Statement-I** *The number of BPL households in* 2000 *as accepted by GOI & that of identified by the State Governments/UTs.*

(As on 31.01.08)

SI. No.	State/UT	No. of BPL households in 2000 (in lakhs)	Rat BPL	ion Cards by (in lakhs) AAY	them Total (BPL+AAY)	excess/ less cards issued
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40.63	170.43	15.58	186.01	145.38
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.99	0.61	038	0.99	0.00
3.	Assam	18.36	12.02	7.04	19.06	0.70
4.	Bihar	6523	**40.70**	2429	64.99	-0.24
5.	Chhattisgarh	18.75	**15.53**	7.19	22.72	3.97
6.	Delhi	4.09	2.90	1.50	4.40	031
7.	Goa	0.48	0.13	0.15	028	-020
8.	Gujarat	2120	26.56	8.10	34.66	13.46
9.	Haryana	7.89	538	2.92	830	0.41
10.	Himachal Pradesh	5.14	3.17	1.97	5.14	0.00
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	7.36	4.80	2.56	736	0.00
12.	Jharkand	23.94	14.77	9.18	23.95	0.01
13.	Karnataka	31.29	59.54	12.00	71.54	4025
14.	Kerala	15.54	14.89	5.%	20.85	531
15.	Madhya Pradesh	4125	44.03	15.82	59.85	18.60
16.	Maharashtra	65.34	48.35	24.64	72.99	7.65
17.	Manipur	1.66	1.02	0.64	1.66	0.00
18.	Meghalaya	1.83	1.13	0.70	1.83	0.00
19.	Mizoram	0.68	0.42	026	0.68	0.00
20.	Nagaland	124	0.77	0.47	12.4	0.00
21.	Orissa	32.98	37.59	12.65	5024	1726
22.	Punjab	4.68	3.49	1.79	528	0.60
23.	Rajasthan	24.31	16.53	932	25.85	1.54
24.	Sikkim	0.43	027	0.16	0.43	0.00
25.	Tamil Nadu*	48.63	149.65	18.65	16830	119.67
26.	Tripura	2.95	1.82	1.13	2.95	0.00
27.	Uttar Pradesh	106.79	65'.84	40.95	106.79	0.00
28.	Uttaranchal	4.98	337	1.51	4.88	-0.10
29.	West Bengal	51.79	37.88	14.80	52.68	0.89
30.	A&N Islands	028	0.12	0.04	0.16	-0.12
31.	Chandigarh	023	0.06	0.02	0.08	-0.15
32.	D&NHaveli	0.18	0.12	0.05	0.17	-0.01
33.	Daman & Diu	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.02	-0.02
34.	Lakshdweep	0.03	0.02	0.012	0.03	0.00
35.	. Puducherry	0.84	1.12	032	1.44	0.60
TOTAL:		652.03	785.04	242.76	1027.80	375.77

*Separate figures of APL/BPL cards in Tamil Nadu are not available as there is no categorization on the basis of APL/BPL in the State.

Statement-II

9-Point Action Plan

(i) Continuous review of the BPL and AAY lists to eliminate bogus ration cards and to ensure coverage of only eligible BPL and Antyodaya families.

(ii) Ensuring leakage-free and diversion-free distribution of PDS commodities, regular inspection by different levels of functionaries, strict action against guilty persons/agencies.

(iii) Involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in PDS operations-PRI representatives on Advisory Committee, running of fair price shops by Panchayats and effective representation of Panchayati Raj representatives on Vigilance Committees.

(iv) Ensuring transparency in working of PDS, display of BPL and AAY lists by fair price shops, observance of notified timings by fair price shops.

(v) Use of Information Technology, Computerization of TPDS operations, display of fair price shop-wise and district wise allocations of PDS commodities on web-sites for public scrutiny.

(vi) Carryout door-step delivery of PDS commodities to fair price shops.

(vii) Ensuring timely availability of and issuance of foodgrains by fair price shops.

(viii) Creating awareness among public about PDS operations, training Vigilance Committes of intricacies of PDS operations.

(ix) Making fair price shops financially viable entities - allowing them to sell non PDS items etc.

Statement-Ill

The number of bogus/ineligible ration cards deleted by the State/UT Governments with effect from July 2006 onwards

SI. No.	State	Year	BPL/AAY Lists & Nos. of bogus cards deleted (in lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2006-2007	10.46
2.	Assam	2006-2007	0.02
3.	Chhattisgarh	2006-2007	2.00
4.	Delhi	2006-2007	14.62
5.	Gujarat	2006-2007	0.36
6.	Karnataka	2006-2007	1.11
7.	Madhya Pradesh	2007-2008	24.87
8.	Orissa	2006-2007	2.50
9.	Uttar Pradesh	2006-2007	3.%
10.	Uttaranchal	2006-07&2007-08	0.14
11.	West Bengal	2006-2007	5.00
	TOTAL:		65.04

Food subsidy to APLand BPL families

829. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing food subsidy to the APL anD BPL families;

(b) if so, the details of the subsidies released in 2005-06 and 2006-07 especially to the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the price of rice per kilogram and wheat per kilogram supplied to the State of Andhra Pradesh and the details of the price structure; and

(d) the details of quantity of rice and wheat released to the State of Andhra Pradesh each category-wise like White Card, AAY, Annapoorna, Mid Day Meal for 2005-06 and 2006-07?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of subsidy released to APL and BPL during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, to the State of Andhra Pradesh as informed by Food Corporation of India, is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Rice		Wheat	
	APL	BPL	APL	BPL
2005-06		844.51	23.75	0.63
758.66 2006-07		847.00	36.00	1.00

(c) The price, in rupees, per kilogram of rice and wheat supplied under APL and BPL to the State of Andhra Pradesh in as under:-

Rice		Wheat	
APL	BPL	APL	BPL
8.30	5.65	6.10	4.15

(d) The details of quantity of rice and wheat lifted by the State of Andhra Pradesh under category of AAY, Annapoorna, Mid Day Meal for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as under:—

(Quantities in thousand tonnes)

Scheme	2005-06		2006-07	
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
AAY	608.500	0.060	656.770	0.001
Annapoorna	11.60	0.000	10.990	0.000
Mid Day Meal	115.400	0.000	129.040	0.000